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Zeta Phi Beta Finer Womanhood Observance

Front Row: Sorors: Thelma Glover, Edith Smith, Lillian Jasper, Lola Johnson, Jean Grant, Yvonne Wilson.
Second Row: Jackie Stewart, Ann Stewman, Ka Kathleene Carter, Addie Brown, Major Rutherford.
Back Row: Liz Manus, Ann Jones, Ruth Daniels, Clara Cox, Henrietta Stewart.
Not Shown: Lois Bradford, Gilda Oliver, Ida Clark.

The national and international chapters of the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority designate the last full week in February and the month of March as Finer Womanhood Observance. During this period, every chapter shares with its local community some expression of their emphasis upon the national ideal of Finer Womanhood.

The Tacoma Eta Mu Zeta chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority expressed its idea of Finer Womanhood through community services and support, worship, religious services, teas, public meeting with a speaker, a social event - The Blue Revue, presentation of awards, youth program and scholarships.

The theme for this year's Finer Womanhood Observance is relevant to contemporary issues, "Humanity Our Concern, The Child Our Focus".

THE SUNDAY AFTERNOON TEA

Third annual Finer Womanhood Observance Tea was shared with the public at the St. John Baptist Church Sunday, February 24, 1974. Their guest speaker was Mrs. Ella Mae Crawford of Tacoma who delivered a dynamic and challenging speech to her audience. The Sorors' members and their guests were charged to get involved and support the youth of city and community. She emphasized the great need for people and organizations to join forces to strengthen and enhance our youths and youth program, educate ourselves to the needs and availability of youth recreational programs, the parole system for youth, juvenile guardian and rehabilitation program, youth employment and especially the educational responsibility and planning of our youth. The sorority along with other organizations was challenged to initiate ongoing and continuous plans and projects that would encourage and enhance the growth of our youth who are pleading with the adult community for support and assistance.

Zeta Phi Beta presented the Finer Womanhood of the year award to Mrs. Robert (Velma) Halliburton for continuous service to her community and fellowmen and her exemplication of Finer Womanhood.

SOROR Henrietta Stewart presenting the Finer Womanhood Award to Mrs. Robert (Velma) Halliburton.

NEW MEMBERS: Thelma Glover, Ann Jones, Edith Smith, Ruth Daniels, Yvonne Wilson.

The Eta Mu Zeta chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority initiated five (5) new members in its sorority, February 23rd in ceremonies at the Sherwood Inn. The new members sharing in the goals and objectives of Finer Womanhood and community services are Soror's: Thelma Glover, Ann Jones, Edith Smith, Rugh Daniels, and Yvonne Wilson. After the ceremony the members exchanged gifts and shared a beautiful repast of food and conversation.

SOROR Kathleene Carter "Zeta of the Year"

THE BLUE REVIEW

The sorority held their first annual Blue Revue social dance Saturday March 2, 1974 at the Sherwood Inn.

The highlight of this event was the presentation of their Zeta of the Year. Unanimously chosen as that fine woman was Mrs. Kathleene Carter. Mrs. Carter was the organizer and first elected Basilius to the Tacoma Eta Mu Zeta chapter.

The members of Eta Mu Zeta chapter of Zeta Phi Beta sorority will worship together at the Allen A.M.E. Church, Sunday March 10 at the 11:00 am service.

THE WORKSHOP

The annual Black Awareness workshop was held at the Colored Women's Clubhouse Thursday evening February 28, from 7 to 10 pm. This years subject in keeping with the national theme was "The Black Child".

The group focused on four main areas.

1. Mental and physical health of the Black child.
2. The socialization of the Black child.
3. The adopted Black child.
4 The education of the Black child.

Interest and concern was shown in the comparitive lack of basic educational skills the Black child is experiencing in school, his attitudes toward his teachers and other school staff, his self-image, and his motivations and goals in attending school.

There was great concern in the adopted and adoptable Black child -- the criterias for adoption, the attitudes and qualifications for adoption, the problems and some solutions for the adoptive child and his parents, plus interracial adoptions.

The problems and alternatives were discussed and challenged by the participants in an effort to educate and share knowledge in all the areas that concern and effect the Black child.

TNT's Pugnetti, Municipal League Speaker

The Municipal League has announced plans for a general meeting for Friday, March 8, 1974, 12 noon at North's Chuck Wagon Restaurant, located in the South 38th Street Mall between Valu-Mart and Pay-N-Pak.

The luncheon meeting will feature Tacoma News Tribune Editor Donald A. Pugnetti as it's speaker, and is open to the general public.

You are Invited to the St. John Baptist Church So. 20th & "J" St. Tacoma, Washington Services: 10 am, 11 am, & 7 pm. We offer Spiritual guidances and Family Counseling Rev. J. Andrew Boles, Sr., Pastor Office: 627-6171 Home: 564-5486

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St. John's Pastor Surprised With Party

Members of St. John Baptist Church sponsored a surprise birthday party for their pastor Rev. J.A. Boles, Wednesday, Feb. 27 in the church basement. Biblical games were prepared for everyone to participate. This was truly a festive occasion for all with the spiritual guidance of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

MEDITATION

The weakest among us has a gift, however seemingly trivial, which is peculiar to him and which worthily used will be a gift also to his race.

John Ruskin - English essayist

Obituary

Clarence Williams

Clarence Williams, 52, of 1508 S. 19th St., a welder for Atlas Foundry, died Wednesday, Feb. 27 - Madigan Hospital.

Mr. Williams was born in Arkansas, and had lived in Tacoma 15 years. He retired from the Army as a sergeant in 1952.

Survivors include his wife, Earmastine; four daughters, Mrs. Hulen (Anna) Allen, Beatrice Williams and Marilyn Williams, all of Tacoma, and Mrs. Vickie White of Oakland, Calif.; a son, Donald Bradford of Tacoma; two brothers, Samuel and Sylvester, both of Kansas City, Mo; and four sisters, Mrs. Lonia Crosby and Mrs. Mary Crosby, both of Oakland and Mrs. Viola Hickey and Mrs. Christine Dowell both of Milwaukee, Wis.

Funeral services were held Tuesday at St. John Baptist Church House of Scott Mortuary was in charge.

DON'T STAND on chairs and boxes to reach high places. It's better to get yourself a stepladder than to get your children a stepparent.

Ujamaa Offers Workshops

STUDENTS in Ujamaa's afternoon crafts class learn how to make key-chain dolls out of beads and wire.

A crafts program for senior citizens is one of several workshops being offered by Ujamaa Culture and Recreation Center during its spring session.

The center offers workshops in many art and music fields as well as a recreation program. A men's team from Ujamaa has won its first two games in a post-season basketball tournament in the county recreation league.

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Catholic Daughters Spring Style Show

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Senior Citizens Day

Every Tuesday commencing March 12th will be a special Senior Citizens Day at the B & I Shopping Center it was announced today by the American Council Senior Citizens.

All senior citizens are welcome to come out and browse and enjoy the company of other seniors. Each of the B & I Departments will feature "Senior Citizen Specials" and "Discount With Dignity" coupons for those persons wishing to shop. A special luncheon menu is also being provided seniors and free drinks and refreshments will be available.

Charter buses are scheduled to pick-up seniors in Tacoma at the Senior Centers, Senior Citizen Apartments and the Retirement Homes so they may participate in the activities.

Groups needing transportation should call Jo at the B & I 584-6661. For further details call the American Council at 383-4380.

Rap-On From the Commander's Desk

By Chuck Horne, Commander, AMVETS Post No. 4

It's "cool" to be "hip", right on to be able to rap with the brothers and sisters in rhetorical terms that's common to the brotherhood. But some advance education and expertise in the world around us, make it possible to "get it on" with some level of independence when doing what you do best---especially when trying to survive in this complex economic and political system. Just being on the scene is not enough brothers. The time is now for unity, leadership, and meaningful directions---Get on up and get involved. Don't forget March 15, 1974 at the newly decorated AMVETS Hall, S. 38th and Union. AMVETS Post No 4 will sponsor a membership, scholarship breakfast dance, 11:00 pm to 5:00 am. This is a black post that addresses it's self to black veterans. So come on out and get down with the fabulous "Jonah's Whale" and Mr. Chee---Chee. BYOB.

Three Exploration Scholarships Approved

Three Model Neighborhood students will help conduct scientific research this summer because of Model Cities Executive Board action Feb. 28 to fund three exploration scholarships.

The three students will work with scientists who are working on a variety of research projects in the United States. Last year Model Cities awarded three scholarships to Wilson High School students.

Last summer two students went to Pleasant Bay, Mass. to do research in marine biology and one student went to St. Mary's City, Md. to help excavate a colonial settlement.

Students selected for this year's scholarships must show interest and ability in science. Applications will be made through the schools beginning in the next few weeks. A procedure for choosing the three winners has not been set, but last year's applicants were selected by a review committee.

No other action was taken by the board, but a number of projects were discussed. Several evaluation reports were presented to help the board make its decision for allocation of the recent Model Cities grant. A proposal for a Yakima Square was presented by Urban League representatives.

Two More Housing Grants Approved

Two more housing grants, one for rehabilitation and one for maintenance, were approved by the Municipal Authority on Feb. 27.

The rehabilitation grant was for $3,385 and the maintenance grant was $359. Rehabilitation work is done by contractors who submit bids. Alpha Enterprises was the low bidder on this project and the contractor selected by the Municipal Authority to do the work. Maintenance grants are for materials with the labor done by the Housing Development Program (HDP).

Derwood Wilson, supervisor of the maintenance component of HDP, reported that work had begun on two homes receiving maintenance grants. He said that one of the jobs was about three-fourths completed.

HOUSING DEVELOPMENT Program maintenance technician Marvin Drew works on garage roof being repaired by the Model Cities housing program.

ELBERT BARNES, maintenance te technician for HDP, inspects work on stairwell being completed with a maintenance grant.

Dial-A-Ride

Dial A Ride has been established in the Puget Sound area which offers a new and unique service. It is a matching service for car pools aiming to aid the public by centralizing individual attempts to find people with whom one can ride to and from work.

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Public Notice

The Human Relations Commission of the City of Tacoma will hold it's study session meeting on, Thursday March 7, 1974 at 4:30 pm. The meeting will be held at 955 Tacoma Ave. South, Suite 304. The public is cordially invited to attend.

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Caballeros Social Club "News"

by Henry Johnson

Hey dudes, (as they say in the street vernacular) what it is ? Well what it is is the Caballeros Social Club. Brothers as far away as Seattle, Portland and Spokane are making it to the Caballeros and digging the versatility of T. McGee and the Rapid Pulsation.

The younger Caballeros are pushing forward in leaps and bounds, and you elder members have some catching up to do. Fred Ross (entertainment Chairman) and Herb Handy, Jr. have announced plans for Thursday's pinochle tournaments to start this week. Brother Herb, Jr. has issued a challenge to all pinochle players. You whist players need not feel left out because rise and fly whist games will offer something to test your wits. Ladies are invited as guests and may compete in our up-coming tournaments.

From the President's desk comes word that all priorities for '74 are coming along smoothly. President Gill began scheduling families for the patio and bar-b-que area for the spring and summer. If you have a birthdate, anniversary, or special occasion coming up we may be able to help you with those arrangements. Pres. Gill reminds all members to inform their guests that they must be 21 to attend our evening affairs and proof of age must be supplied to doorman where there is any doubt. Charter Caballero and longtime supporter of community affairs Mr. Wilmer Catley has been appointed to the Master-at-Arms staff.

Carl Brown, Education and Charity Committee chairman, has final approval of his much needed programs, and now let's get in there and support Carl to the limit.

Last for this week I'd like to mention our unheralded five, those five watchdogs of the Caballeros, the men in the smoke filled room, hammering out discussions with the wisdom of age, the patience of Joe Frazier, and the wit of Muhammad Ali, I salute the Executive Board.

Rambling

by Andre Young

It is the recreational facilities which can be made outside of the home that has one of the greatest potential means of training decent, self-respecting citizens amongst our young folk. However, athletics isn't a panacea for Black folk.

We have been so hotly engaged recently in discussing trade schools and higher education (not enough of us attend) that the pitiful plight of the parks and recreation facilities in the Black community has almost dropped from view.

What, in the name of reason, does this Community and Nation expect of a people poorly trained and hard pressed in severe economic competition, without political rights and with ludicrously inadequate schools and recreational facilities? What can we expect but crime and listlessness, offset here and there by the dogged struggles of the fortunate and more determined, who are themselves buoyed by the hope that in the fars eeable future freedom, justice, and equality will become a reality in these United States of America.

There must be something this writer can say and/or do which will be meaningful to a people who know nothing nor own anything, not even themselves.

It behooves me that we are the largest black group of people (we're not a nation) outside of the Continent of Africa "existing" in the wealthiest Country in the World, and we don't own a thing!

Oh yes, we do own and lease thousands of Mortgaged Church structures and building them virtually every day. Tell me, what else do we have going for us?!

The Black middle class of this Community has become counter revolutionary and equally non-productive. They have tasted the fruits of success and at the same-said time forgotten the "rabble of low degree", their own lower class Black Brothers and sisters. Talking and feeling but no action!

It doesn't really matter if you read these words or listen to me because many of us are on borrowed time and fools anyway. But the demarcation between the haves and have nots has brought about one definite factor no matter how you attribute the cause, we're destroying ourselves! Black on Black Crime continues to increase, Brother!

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Soulful Entertainment Review

By R.O.

Tacoma can look forward to bigger and better entertainment. There will be a big soul entertainment at the "Winchester 76", the old Valu-Mart located on South 38th and Sprague. On the same bill will be Tacoma's own "Jonah's Whale". From time to time other local groups will appear in rock shows and concerts. 360 Degrees did a fine job for Egyptian Lodge (Pyramid Club) March 1, at the Knights of Columbus, Lakewook Villa Plaza. 360 degrees also performed in place of Hot Ice at the Ft. Lewis N.C.O. Club---Jonah's Whale is constantly on the move, swimming and sailing....March 5th, at Cayato in Olympia, March 9, the New Evergreen in Olympia, March 15th for AMVET's Hall, 38th and Union, March 22 and 23 at "Winchester 76", 35th and Sprague. Be sure and come early. They will do only one show. There are other fine groups getting it together. Don't forget March 15th The Fabulous "Jonah's Whale" and Chee--Chee will be getting down for AMVET's Post No. 4, Membership, Scholarship, and breakfast dance from from 11:00 pm to 5 a.m. The dollar is getting shorter and the gas lines getting longer.

See you next week.

THE COLD WITHIN

by James Patrick Kinney
submitted by Tillie Ruiz

Six humans trapped by happenstance
In bleak and bitter cold.
Each one possessed a stick of wood
Or so the story's told.

Their dying fire in need of logs
The first man held his back
For of the faces round the fire
He noticed one was black.

The next man looking cross the way
Saw one not of his church
And couldn't bring himself to give
The fire his stick of birch.

The third one sat in tattered clothes
He gave his boat a hitch.
Why should his log be put to use
To warm the idle rich?

The rich man just sat back and thought
Of the wealth he had in store
And how to keep what he had earned
From the lazy shiftless poor.

The black man's face bespoke revenge
As the fire passed from his sight.
For all he saw in his stick of wood
Was a chance to spite the white.

The last man of this forlorn group
Did nought except for gain.
Giving only to those who gave
Was how he played the game.

Their logs held tight in death's still hands
Was proof of human sin.
They didn't die from the cold without
They died from the cold within.

Tax Consultant at East Side Neighborhood Center

The Eastside Neighborhood Center at 1720 East 44th Street will have a tax consultant from the Internal Revenue Service here on Wednesday March 20 from 6:30 to 7:00 pm. They will provide free assistance with any questions you may have regarding your taxes.

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by Ted Jefferson

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A--Payment or reimbursement of such medical care expenses may be paid for veterans with service-connected disabilities in a medical emergency when federal facilities are not readily available. Contact the nearest VA office for specific information about an individual claim.
Q--When a veteran enrolls in college under the GI Bill for a regular degree course, how often must he make an attendance report to VA?
A--If a veteran is enrolled for the school year, VA Form 22-6553, "Certification of Pursuit of Course Leading to a Standard College Degree", will be sent with his April check. For other enrollment periods, the form will be sent with the check at the beginning of the last month of his enrollment period. This certification must be returned before any additional payments can be released.
Q--I dropped out of school to forstall flunking out, and the VA naturally cut off my allowance under the War Orphans' and Widows' Education Act. Am I safe to assume that if the school will take me back, VA will start the payments to me again?
A--Yes.

Address all questions concerning veterans to:
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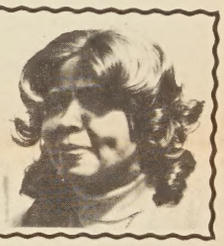
Fantastic Black Facts

by Rose Marie Johnson



Other outstanding NAACP Leaders:
---Walter Francis White born in Atlanta, Ga. 1893; received BA at Atlanta University. A writer in the field of civil rights. Became secretary of NAACP in 1931. Mr. White was a most ardent protagonist in the fight to stamp out lynching in America. Died in 1955.
--Roy Wilkins, born in St. Louis, Missouri, August 30, 1901; attended integrated city schools and grew up in racially mixed community. Received B.A. from University of Minn. in 1923. Majored in sociology and minored in Journalism. Mr. Wilkins joined staff of "Kansas City Call"-a Negro Weekly. His first insight into segregation was seen as an entrenched system. He resolved to broaden activity in NAACP, which he had first joined while in college. In 1931 he left paper to serve under Walter White as assistant Executive Secretary of NAACP. In 1934 joined picket march in Washington, D.C. to protest lynching practice. This resulted in the first arrest of his career. Mr. Wilkins assumed present post as Executive Secretary of NAACP in 1955 upon the death of Walter White.

The NAACP has enjoyed a very positive and favorable reputation for its support of quality education over the years. The Tacoma local chapter supports the March 12th proposition A.B. and C. (School levy). Also encourages its members and friends to vote "yes" at the poles on March 12th.

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Black Youth: Our Destiny Without Hope?

Black people have absolutely no control over their destiny and lives. No doubt, this is because white racism has caused us to be other than our natural selves. After all, black folks were physically in the chains and shackles of slavery for approximately four-hundred years. And it appears, that it will be another endless amount of time before the chains and shackles upon our minds are severed.

Even if we were a people possessed of power and in control of our own destiny, what kind of future leadership can we look forward to, when black juvenile delinquency is astronomically high and rising? One visible indication of black folks powerlessness and apathy is, the Youth Services Bureau.

Even though, the YSB Program won't officially begin until late January, it is destined to fail, for black Youth (with its token black staff and no black volunteers).

Another slap in the face to the black community is the Pierce County home for Youth, which is located at 1711 South "L". Pierce County Homes for Youth is a program based right in the Hilltop Community, that has as its purpose, to provide a foster home setting for referrals from juvenile court. The Pierce County Home for Youth is a Community based facility of which there is no other of its kind in this community. And yet, since 1968 Pierce County Homes for Youth has virtually be devoid of black youth.

The Juvenile Court Judges have maintained a policy of not returning black youth's back to their own Community. As if to say, any place is better than . . . . . home. Nevertheless such judicial decisions are based upon recommendations made through Case workers, e.g. at Cascadia and Remann Hall.

Black Youth are in a quandry. They have no identification aside from sports and/or other kinds of fund and games.

At this time, there is none, no not one able to lead black youth to an understanding of their role or place in life save one, the Honorable Elijah Muhammad.

Several months ago the Chinese American Community in San Francisco gradually began pulling their youth out of the public school system, when the dope, murders and other kind of crimes reached epidemic levels amongst Chinese Youth. This was a desperation tactic by the Chinese-Americans of San Francisco, but the future of the Chinese-American people and that of other peoples hinges upon their YOUTH.

One good strategy for the Black Community to utilize would be with the support and expansion of Youth Contact, located at 1301 So. "K" Street. It may be too late since their concept has already been ripped off by the Department of Human Development. Black youth are the hope of the world for black people and we have no future destiny without giving them the hope they need.

GLORIA SWANSON, old time movie great, speaking about tax deductions: "There should be some depreciation allowed as we get older. After all, if they can depreciate a horse, why can't we depreciate an actress?"

Picture of the Week

Mr. Curtis Baylor, and Omega Fraternity Brother - Picture of the Week.

Photo by Jim Henderson

IF YOU FIND MISTAKES IN THIS PUBLICATION, PLEASE CONSIDER THAT THEY ARE THERE FOR A PURPOSE. WE PUBLISH SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE, AND SOME PEOPLE ARE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR MISTAKES !!!

Program-Self

By

Ms. Bette L. Washington

It's really amazing when you look around and actually see where people's priorities really are. The richest to the poorest, so concerned about the value their monies will return that they actually forget the priority of themselves.

You say, "Well now, I'm really concerned, tell me what to do!" You need a complete skin care program. One that will work for you to "program-self". One that will make you more aware of yourself, one that will enhance all of your features and make you stand out from the crowd.

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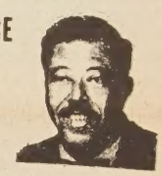

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The Doctor's Bag

August Piper, Jr., M.D.

Last week I wrote about some of the health effects of cigarettes; this week I thought I'd say something about marijuana--the "other" cigarette.

You might think we knew a lot about the effects of prolonged use of marijuana, to judge from all the statements you find in the newspapers, from the way laws prohibiting its use are enforced, and from the anger and worry many people have when they see, or hear about, someone smoking pot. Unfortunately, it's just not so. In spite of the fact that there have been a number of serious attempts to learn what happens to people who use this drug for a long time, about all that can honestly be said now is that none of the studies found hard evidence of ill effects from moderate use of marijuana. However, the studies had problems which make it hard to say for sure that using marijuana is or is not harmful. For one thing, if a drug is illegal, it is very difficult for a scientist to get it legally so that he can study its effects (Judging from the number of studies I have seen recently in medical journals, this situation seems to be changing). Second, in the past, very few people would admit to using a drug which could, (and has in some cases) get the user a long jail sentence. Thus, it's hard to study enough people who use the drug and compare them with people who do not, and see what differences there might be between the two groups. Finally, until recently, Marijuana was a drug used mostly by people who used other drugs as well, and in that situation, it's impossible to know which drug is doing the damage.

Some readers may not know an interesting fact: within the past year, three major committees, set up specifically to study the question of whether marijuana should be legalized, all recommended removal of penalties for possession of the drug. The committees were part of the American Bar Association, the American Medical Association, and a committee set up by President Nixon (Nixon, of course, ignored his own committee's recommendations). None of the groups said that marijuana use was safe, but they did point out that there was no good evidence that moderate use is harmful. They urged that since the laws against the drug seemed to be doing more harm than the drug itself, the laws should be done away with.

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SATCHEL PAIGE said "Don't look behind you ...something might be gaining on you", but I say "Watch out, the 'Streakers' may be near." Streaking is a new fad among many college students, and very popular on the East Coast. Can you imagine Streakers at UPS and PLU or St. Martin?...March lived up to its adage, it truly came in like a lion. We have had rain, wind, snow, hail, sun and more wind...A special group of twentyfive bowlers from Washington state traveled to Vancouver, B.C. Saturday, March 2nd for a bowling tournament with the Canadians. Jim Henderson of THE FACTS NEWSPAPER was among the twenty five...In the hospital are MRS. LENIL(CHERRY) PEGEE, Madigan Ward B-6 and her brother-in-law Mr. ANDREW J. PEGEE, Allenmore...THE BILL WADES and PAUL MITCHELLS flew to Las Vegas for diversion the week-end of February 23rd....From all reports the best dance of the season was the Eta Mu Zeta Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority at the Sherwood Inn last Saturday evening. Playing for the occasion were Charles and The Entertainers.

LATE FLASH!! Since the time when this column was written, the Streakers have arrived in the N.W. Remember the telephone booth stuffers? The gold fish eaters?

Blacks Asked To Fight Public TV

Henry L. Loomis, President of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, the federal government's funding agency for public television, in announcing an end to direct support of BLACK JOURNAL and other Black programs on public television, invited the Black community to challenge public television station's licenses. "If, having the choice, certain stations were to purchase only conservative-leaning programs and not the liberal or minority-interest shows, the public would have recourse...by petitioning against the station's license renewal," stated Loomis.

A plan adopted by the CPB, effective July 1, 1974, will create a "marketplace cooperative" which will allow local public television stations to decide which national programs they will buy. They will no longer receive BLACK JOURNAL free of charge because the CPB has decided BLACK JOURNAL along with other national programs will have to make it on its own in the "marketplace."

There are no Blacks who are general managers or program directors of any public television station in the country and virtually no Blacks on the various Boards of Directors; therefore, Blacks will have no power to choose the national programs. Informed sources point out that the decision to place the fate of BLACK JOURNAL in the hands of local television stations is a diabolical attempt to remove it from the national scene.

It is very likely that the Federal Communications Commission will be asked by the National Friends of Black Journal to adopt the requirements and regulations for commercial TV stations to non-commercial educational stations. This would mean a mass activist movement and station challenges for the local public television stations. Loomis' invitation to local Black communities to insist that BLACK JOURNAL be continued through challenges to the temporary 3 year broadcast license is almost certainly guaranteed.

DON MARQUIS, the famous writer and humorist, was a terrible procrastinator. A friend who knew Marquis's tendency to put things off asked him how he ever got his day's work done. "That's simple," said Marquis, "I pretend it's yesterday's."

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Tee AND Turf Golf Association

by Cliff Dabney

The Tee and Turf Golf Club got off to a swinging start at the first meeting last Thursday. Eighteen Charter members attended. Officers and committee charimen were elected. The members elected Herbert Dailey as President, 1st Vice President, Jessie Boozer, 2nd Vice President, Ms. L. Delaney, Secretary, Chuck Harbour and Treasurer Alice Douglas (Hats off to the ladies who were elected). The goal of the club is 100 members this year. The club is open to all even if you have never tried golf. This will be a fine time to start because the club has some of the best golfers in the area willing to teach anyone who wishes to learn. The club meets every first Thursday of the month at the Esquire Restaurant at 7:30 pm. Club President Herb Dailey has a lot of experience in the game of golf, he has been active in many clubs throughout his career. Herb said "he is looking forward to having one of the best clubs in the Northwest." There is still lots of golfers who haven't signed up. You may do so by calling the Esquire, BR2-0985. Remember meeting night. Now that the ground work is laid we hope to start play in the near future.

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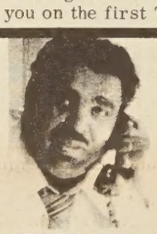
See you on the first Tee!



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RIGHT ON!

THE OIL SHORTAGE

For the past several weeks the American public has been bombarded with statistics concerning the current oil shortage.

The latest revelation is that the magnitude of the shortage is 3.4 million barrels a day and week after week a new set of figures descends.

At the same time, motorists shudder as they pull up to their local station and read the new price for a gallon of gasoline.

Recently Senator Henry Jackson said "We cannot expect people to stand in line for gasoline when there are allegations that storage tanks are full and there are fully loaded tankers lying off many ports."

As Congress re-convenes after the holiday recess, the question of whether or not the much publicized oil shortage exists or not is expected to be approached.

After the Watergate and its revelations, many of us are skeptics, as the Paramount Civic lesson learned from the fiasco is not to believe administration spokesmen.

The many lies told during the Watergate cover-up would underlie this point.

Also, the many manuevers employed to use ordinary citizens and misuse their rights for the sake of a few, further emphasizes the rational basis for skepticism now.

Is the publicized shortage a gimmick by the oil companies to raise prices and make astronomical profits? Is it contrived or real?

These are questions the American people must have answered before they can be expected to make the sacrifices predicted.

President Nixon's recent answers aren't enough, especially since it's now common knowledge that huge contributions were made to his recent campaign by the oil executives.

Apparently though, Senator Ribicoff, and Jackson plan to dissect the facts of the shortage and only with such a thorough and open exposure of the situation as it ACTUALLY IS will gas rationing or any other plan work towards a solution.

IT'S REALLY not so bad to have a few problems. The only people who don't are in the cemetery.

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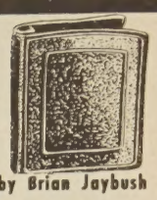

by Brian Jaybush

Nobody expected the Chieftans to even be in the upper ranks of the West Coast Athletic Conference, let alone challenging for the championship. No one expected ANYONE to seriously challenge the University of San Francisco Dons at all, let alone the team from Seattle U., a school that only joined the WCAC a couple of years ago, and hadn't really been a basketball power since the glory days of Elgin Baylor and the O'Brians and the "We Beat the Globetrotters!"

But on the same weekend the USF Dons were defending a 9-1 conference record, those SU Chieftans were also sporting a league won-loss leger of 9-1. It was impossible...it was sacreligious.

Nevada, as everyone in the world knows, is a God-fearing state. It is also a very moral state, a state that prides itself on the fact that no one has ever accused it of...well just no one has ever accused it. Details, it is the only state in the union where gambling is not only legal, but the economic base. Details that brothels are licensed by the state there. God is still feared.

Well, on this day that USF and SU found themselves with indentical, conference-leading records, the Chiefs also found themselves heading for Nevada. They weren't all THAT worried; their opponents there--the University of Las Vegas and the University of Nevada at Reno--were occupying the positions Seattle had been expected to head for--that is, going nowhere. The mighty Chiefs should have no problem.

Only when that lost weekend was over, so were the Chiefs' chances for the WCAC title. Oh, sure, they came back and defeated the Dons the following weekend, but for Seattle to even tie for the title someone else would have to beat USF also--and that just don't happen.

So USF now wears the WCAC crown again, and Seattle University is anxiously awaiting an invitation to go to the National Invitational Tournament in New York, something that looks like a good probability as this is written (on Monday, March 4). And that, I suppose, will suffice for this year. The championship will be up for grabs again come next season.

It's just too bad that one weekend got in the way.

NON-SPORTS NOTE: One year ago I was working for a small radio station as resident something- or-other, and following Roberta Flack's sweeping of two top awards--both "Best Female Pop Performance" and "Song of the Year" for her recording of "The First Time Ever I Saw Your Face", I predicted on the air: "Her new recording, "Killing Me Softly With His Song," will make its mark and cop a couple of awards of its own."

Results from last weekend's Grammy awards: Best Female Pop Performance, Roberta Flack, "Killing Me Softly;" Song of the Year, Roberta Flack, "Killing Me Softly."

I say no more.

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"Hilltop Jaycees"

NAACP Membership Awards Program

Local Chapter NAACP says, "thanks" to Tacoma, Pierce County, Fort Lewis, Madigan, and McChord AFB Military Installations at their Membership Awards Program on Sunday March 10th from 3 to 5 pm.

Among organizations to be honored are the Ministers Alliance, Caballeros Social Club, Matrons Club, Town & Country Bridge Club, Zeta Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Uniques, and the Alteristics Club. Also many local churches of various denominations. Make sure to come early and be assured of seats. The Fort Lewis 9th Division Band will play the prelude and the anthem, "Lift Every Voice and Sing".

THE NAACP CORNER

by Rev. L'Ray Scott, Vice President

Hi neighbors, hope the rain hasn't washed you away yet, because we need your membership now. As I've been telling you for the past few weeks, our goal is "500 more in '74". This is the last week of our 60 day membership drive which began January 10th and so far it's been a success. But this is only the beginning... now we go into phase two.

The drive will be culminating in an awards program this coming Sunday, at 3pm March 10, 1974 at the Tacoma Community College Little Theatre. The public is warmly invited to fellowship with us as our president gives tribute to the Tacoma-Pierce County area. There will be a panel discussion and musical selections rendered.

The NAACP is alive and doing well, so join now with a group that's moving. Contact our membership chair person Ms. Rose Marie Johnson at FU3-1251 between the hours of 10 am and 2 pm Mondays through Fridays, or our branch president Jack E. Tanner Esq. at FU3-3568, or myself at any time either of those are inaccessible. My number is L-R-A-Y-555. And if I can't be reached, then try the Rev. E.S. Brazill at 572-6299.

High School Afro Show and Pageant Slated by MDC

The Metropolitan Development Council's Communications and Journalism Project will sponsor their first Annual High School Afro Show and Pageant, on March 9th, 7:30 p.m., Mt. Tahoma High School Auditorium, 6229 South Manito Way, Tacoma, Washington.

The participating High Schools are from the Clover Park District, Lakes District and the Tacoma School District #10. Participating schools will be: Mt. Tahoma, Lincoln, Foss, Stadium, Wilson, Clover Park and Lakes. Each school has selected a Queen from their Afro Club to represent their school pageant.

The panel of Judges will be selected from prominent citizens of the community, who will be select a Reigning Queen from the schools on the basis of academic ratings, poise, community involvement, speech, etc. Each school will also present an Afro Show, based on poetry readings, related history acts and important events in Black History.

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